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NSAE-00 RSC-01 FAA-00 L-03 SS-20 NSC-07 DRC-01 /150 W

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R 281306Z AUG 74

FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9564

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY THE AVIV

C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 2384

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAR, DA

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FOREIGN AIRPORT SECURITY

REF: A. STATE 184836, B. COPENHAGEN 996 (NOTAL)

1. DANISH PRESS GAVE GENEROUS COVERAGE TO JACK ANDERSON COLUMN OF AUGUST 22 WHICH, INTER ALIA, CHARGED THAT AIRPORT SECURITY AT COPENHAGEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT "IS THE MOST LAX IN THE WORLD." COVERAGE INCLUDED PICTURES OF LOCAL REPORTERS GOING UNDER FENCE AROUND AIRPORT UNIMPEDED AND STATEMENTS GENERALLY SUPPORTING ANDERSON'S ACCUSATION THAT I.D.'S ARE ONLY HAPHAZARDLY CHECKED AT MAJOR ACCESS POINTS. PRESS, CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, ALSO QUOTED AIRPORT OFFICIALS AS STATING

THAT ALL REASONABLE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS ARE  
BEING TAKEN AND THAT 100 PERCENT SECURITY IS IMPOSSIBLE.

2. WHILE EMBASSY RECEIVED NO COMPLAINTS DIRECTLY  
FROM DANISH AUTHORITIES, PANAM REP EXPRESSED GREAT  
CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON HIS RELATIONS  
WITH THEM AS RESULT OF ANDERSON EXPOSE. HE ASKED  
ECONOFF TO CALL AIRPORT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR,  
POUL ANDERSEN, TO HELP SMOOTH ANY RUFFLED FEAT-  
HERS. THIS WE DID, USING GENERAL GUIDELINES  
CONTAINED IN FAA PRESS RESPONSE (REF A). THE  
AIRPORT DIRECTOR TOLD US THAT, ASIDE FROM THE  
SLIGHT ANNOYANCE OF BEING PLAGUED BY REPORTERS,  
HE WAS SIMPLY AMUSED BY THE INCIDENT. HE AD-  
MITTED SOME SHORTCOMINGS BUT FELT THAT AIRPORT  
SECURITY WAS REASONABLY GOOD.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE DID NOT FEEL IT APPRO-  
PRIATE TO USE OCCASION OF ANDERSON REPORT TO  
OFFER OUR COMMENTS ON COPENHAGEN AIRPORT SECU-  
RITY WHICH, AS NOTED IN REF B, WE BELIEVE TO  
BE IMPROVING BUT STILL RELATIVELY LAX. ECONOFF,  
WHO WAS AT AIRPORT SEVERAL TIMES FOLLOWING LOCAL  
PUBLICATION OF ANDERSON'S COLUMN, NOTED THAT  
GUARDS WERE CHECKING IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS  
WITH CONSIDERABLY GREATER CARE THAN USUAL.  
NET RESULT OF ANDERSON EXPOSE THEREFORE APPEARS  
TO BE MINIMUM OF ADVERSE DANISH REACTION AND  
SOME SHARPENING OF SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AT AIR-  
PORT.  
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